

MRS. BELMONT'S GEM

American Woman Acquires "Josephine" Diamond.

STONE WANTED BY VICTORIA

Lady Curzon to Bring Stunning Gowns to America—Instance of Ambassador Reid's Simplicity Shocked Englishman—Lord Curzon to Pay Brief Visit to United States.

Correspondence of The Washington Herald.

London, Oct. 4.—Any woman with money enough can bedeck herself with gems in these days. And those who cannot afford genuine gems can purchase ones that make just as good a show. For these reasons, perhaps, Mrs. Perry Belmont is not content with precious stones whose genuineness and costliness constitute their only claims to distinction. She wants jewels with a past—jewels that are associated with histories and tragic changes of dynasties, and the seats of the mighty. The mines cannot supply them and dealers cannot duplicate them, and other women can only envy them. In France, Mrs. Belmont has succeeded in acquiring several rare, historic jewels.

Among them is the renowned "Josephine" diamond, which Queen Victoria was so keen on obtaining, though when she had the chance she balked at the price and finally concluded that it was more than she could afford. That, of course, makes its possession by an American woman an additional triumph. Queen Victoria wanted it for her smaller crown, which was her personal property and which she bequeathed to Queen Alexandra.

Mrs. Belmont's gem is called the "Josephine" because it was bought by Napoleon for his first wife. It originally belonged to Catherine de Russia, who also owned the wonderful "Eugene" diamond, which in time also found its way to France. It is said these gems were in imperial necklaces which were stolen from the Winter Palace, every gem being detached in the hope of defying detection. In time they fell into the hands of Napoleon, who gave them to Josephine with whom he was just then greatly in love. Mrs. Perry Belmont has satisfied herself that the history of the "Josephine" diamond is authentic. She is a first-rate judge of diamonds, having made for years a study of precious stones, so it would be quite futile for any one to attempt to deceive her as far as quality is concerned.

Lady Curzon's Gowns.

The frocks which Lady Curzon is taking with her to America will probably cause a greater sensation there than Mrs. Perry Belmont's jewel. Her wardrobe has been especially designed by artists from Doucet's and Worth's, who recently spent a week at Nevill Holt, her beautiful place in the country. Both met, received ample assistance from Lady Curzon herself, who has admirable taste. A few gowns copied from a picture of Madame du Barry, is worthy of a poem. Of sea green brocade, it has a yoke and loose sleeves of Limerick lace. At the waist is a circle of emeralds. The skirt is of white silk with a large train.

It is not true as reported, that Lady Curzon will be accompanied by her little daughter. The latter will stay at Nevill Holt with her father, and will accompany him in all his sporting expeditions, for she is as keen on sport as a man, while her mother cares nothing at all about it.

Victim of Globe-trotting Craze.

Globe-trotting is an agreeable pastime for millionaires and their wives, and helps them solve the problem of spending their superfluous wealth. But if the opinions of old-fashioned mothers are worth anything, it is a bad thing for their babies and a poor substitute for the nursery. If the mournful wailing of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Phipps could be interpreted, it would no doubt be found that his opinion was that the world is not a very good place to be in. This little boy to a large fortune is not yet a year old. But for his age he is certainly the world's champion traveler. Five times he has crossed the Atlantic; his parents have dragged him through Europe in motors and trains, and he has visited every place of note in Scotland. Now the little mite's wanderings are over for some time, at least. He is dangerously ill at historic Battle Abbey, the famous residence of the late Duchess of Cleveland, now the home of his grandfather, Michael Grace, formerly of New York. Several London specialists have been holding consultations over him. His parents will have much to congratulate themselves upon if the doctors' united efforts succeed in saving his life. Even if they succeed in accomplishing this, he may be a weakling for life.

Mr. Phipps' father began life as an errand boy, and was for long years, as everybody knows, Andrew Carnegie's principal partner. Mr. Carnegie has often declared that it is one of the greatest of blessings to be born poor. Few people will agree altogether with that proposition, but the paragon pith of the little Phipps shows that it is sometimes a misfortune to be born rich. Poor babies run no risk of falling victims to the globe-trotting mania.

Should the baby sufficiently recover, the Phippses will occupy a house in London for the winter, that Mr. Phipps may give his attention to several big financial schemes he has on hand. But on the child's account the mansion will have to be in a quiet neighborhood. In these days it is not easy to find a town residence adapted to the luxurious notions of a rich American where such considerations as Park Lane, Grosvenor Square, and other smart residential thoroughfares are now overrun by noisy motor buses. They are a boon to the million, but not to the millionaire. Their advent, it is predicted, will lead to the abandonment of Mayfair as a fashionable center.

Instance of Mr. Reid's Simplicity.

An acquaintance of mine, whose aristocratic connections have obtained for him some sort of minor diplomatic billet, was profoundly impressed—perhaps it would be more correct to say shocked—by seeing the American Ambassador, Whitelaw Reid, leaving a cheap restaurant in the vicinity of the embassy the other day. Circumstantial evidence was conclusive that he had actually lunched there. The restaurant is one of a legion found in London which appeal to about the same class of custom as the cheap restaurants in New York and others run on a similar plan in all the big American cities. They are frequented by clerks, typewriters and others who are compelled to live economically.

"I am surprised," said the budding diplomat, "that a man in Mr. Reid's position should patronize such a place."

"Why shouldn't he?" I asked. "If the food provided there is plain and cheap, it is wholesome, isn't it?"

"Oh, it isn't that, but it is so infra dig, you know, for an Ambassador to lunch in such a place. Why I wouldn't be seen there, and my position commits me for little compared with Mr. Reid's."

Cares Little for Table Luxuries.

The incident is significant of the difference in the English and American point of view. In America, judging from what I have heard, Mr. Reid has somewhat severely criticised—very un-

justly I think, seeing that he pays for it out of his own pocket—for the style in which he lives here. That style is accepted here as the eminently correct and proper thing. But when he displays democratic simplicity in the matter of satisfying the cravings of the inner at lunch time, which would excite no adverse comment in any quarters in America, a man, who in his views undoubtedly represents a large section of his countrymen, thinks he shows a lack of proper dignity.

The fact is, as all who know Mr. Reid personally are aware, though he entertains lavishly, he cares little himself for the luxuries of the table. When business detains him at the embassy, he invariably partakes of a light and simple luncheon, because he has learned that a man cannot get the best work out of his brains when he imposes a heavy burden on his stomach. And let it be recorded to his credit that he is not afraid of being seen in a cheap restaurant when he can save time by patronizing one. He has received many invitations to house parties in Scotland for the shooting season, but he prefers to stick to business.

American Innovation in Paris.

Miss Andrews, who represents in Paris Miss Marbury, the well-known agent for dramatic authors in America, has hit upon an idea which will be of great service to English and American visitors. With the characteristic enterprise of the American woman she has arranged to provide a district messenger service for the sole use of English visitors and those from her own country. French post-office authorities and others have been frequently asked to introduce a service of this kind, but the idea would not be entertained, the invariable answer being that "Paris could do very well without it." As regards the French themselves, this is quite true; but Anglo-Saxons think differently, and there is no doubt that Miss Andrews' scheme will be welcomed by them.

Lord Curzon's Visit to America.

Lord Curzon's forthcoming visit to America will be made in fulfillment of a promise given his wife some six months before her death. She wished him to attend personally to the erection of a stained glass window to her father's memory in the United States. Although he is far from well—perhaps all the more because of the admonition it conveys to him that life is uncertain—he feels it incumbent on him to delay no longer in carrying out her behest. He expects to remain in America only a week and, of course, will seek to avoid all publicity.

LADY MARY.

GENIUS AND STRONG MAN.

Pianist Rosenthal and Some of His Personal Characteristics.

Rosenthal, the great Austrian pianist, who is to visit America next season, is a phenomenally strong man. All the tricks of the professional man of muscle are easy for him. He can tear a pack of cards, break a horse shoe, and he can lift 500 pounds with one finger with ease. One blow of his index digit will snap a table piano string. His chest, arm, and leg development compare with Sandow's. What is most remarkable about this fact is that Rosenthal never practiced physical culture in the ordinary sense. He never worked in a gymnasium. His strength comes entirely from playing the piano and from swimming and walking, the latter being his two chief open air diversions.

Rosenthal's muscular power, while resulting largely from exercise at the piano-forte, is one reason why he stands supreme as a performer on that instrument. To accomplish the technical feats that are as play to Rosenthal, tremendous strength and endurance, not only of the hands, arms, and shoulders, but of the body and brain, are essential. Superb command of every muscle and every nerve is necessary. Mentally, Rosenthal is as muscular as he is physically. While preparing for virtuosity he took a degree of doctor of philosophy at the University of Vienna. He delights in the subtleties of metaphysics, and philosophy is one of his hobbies. This scientific training is as much of a fact in his playing as is his physique. It is responsible for the intimate analytical characteristic of his interpretation.

There is an interesting anecdote in connection with Rosenthal's prowess in the water. One summer he and Rubenstein were staying at cottages on opposite sides of Lake Como. The great Russian pianist invited the rising young Austrian artist to visit him on a certain evening. A storm on the appointed day demoralized the ordinary modes of transportation. Rosenthal said that the only thing he could do to get to the other side was to swim. And swim he did, pushing ahead of him a shirt containing his clothes. In a little over two hours the pianist was on the other side of Lake Como. After dressing he hurried by cab to Rubenstein's villa. Upon relating his experience, the surprised and delighted Rubenstein exclaimed:

"You are another Leander."

"Well," replied Rosenthal, "you are the Hero."

Rubenstein was Rosenthal's hero—his ideal, his model, and now that he is hailed as the equal of Rubenstein he feels that his years of labor are well repaid.

Rosenthal's first recital in this city, after an absence of eight years, will be given under the local direction of Mr. Percy S. Foster, on Friday, November 9, at 8:30 p. m., in the National Theatre.

Eastern Star Dedication.

The dedication of the Eastern Star Home at Lamond's Station will take place Tuesday afternoon. A special train has been engaged to leave the Baltimore and Ohio station at 1:30 p. m. to convey the officers and members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, the officers of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M., and all others having tickets of admission. An elaborate programme has been arranged. The officers of the Grand Lodge will be escorted by Washington Commandery, Knights Templars.

DAILY FASHION HINT.



A Belmore Coat.

One of the prettiest designs that has appeared so far in the more practical class of autumn and winter wraps is that which is known as the Belmore. Combining, as it cleverly does, the charms of the fitted and the semi-fitted modes, it is sure of an enthusiastic acceptance from the woman of taste. In the illustration it is shown developed in one of those smart Irish tweeds, which fashion favors so strenuously this season, the choice being in strict accord to the vogue that is so liberally accorded to all things Irish. The ground is a pretty pearl gray, one of the light tints that do not show dust readily, and this is plaided in open design by lines in lavender and violet, presenting to a charm the combination of delicate colors that is really the keynote of this season's style. A hint of the preference for mannish modes that asserts itself strongly in imported models is seen in the cut, and is further emphasized in the mannish collar and lapels, that are faced in a dull shade of violet cloth. The back and sides define the figure sharply, while the double-breasted fronts are managed with a dart that curves from the shoulder line down to the side seam below the waist, and makes for a delightful effect of curved slenderness. Pockets are deftly tucked into the cloth applique that covers this dart, below which the side seams flare sharply.

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We are to blame for this evil, at least, and generally the buying public gets what it demands. We are to blame for the prevalence of bad shoes, imperfect cloth and the other damaged goods with which the market is flooded. We might refuse to buy them at top prices; if they are labeled as imperfect and priced accordingly we are not being cheated when we buy them, but that is the exceptional case. Bargain hunters take chances with open eyes, but unsuspecting shoppers who receive damaged goods are being robbed, and I believe they can have the law's protection by asking for it.

Every shoe dealer serves notice that he is not responsible for the wearing quality of patent leather, that he buys the best he can find and his customers must bear whatever loss there is. That is honest enough, and when we buy patent leather footwear we are taking chances and know it. There are sales of imperfect linens, shawm goods of various kinds and what is known as seconds. Many women buy these things and believe that they get their money's worth, though for my part, it seems a waste of money. Take damaged gloves, for instance, what good are they? They may be worn a few times, but they never look fresh, even at the first wearing, and oftentimes the first wearing is the last.

There is a growing repugnance to remodeled garments, except by a few really well-dressed women who buy good articles and use them till they become shabby. I have seen whole gowns returned from the dyehouse, new in color and quite fresh, to bear a critical inspection. A trifle in the way of change in style and a bit of new trimming gives the owner a practically new gown without the expense and bother that new gowns require. Of course, such a frock does not figure as the best in a wardrobe, if a woman can afford a new one, but it is a welcome addition, just the same.

Some thrifty women are returning to the good old ways of their grandmother and mother by making their own preserves, pickles, and jellies. This is largely due to the exposures of the food commission. There is more home-made bread; more cake and tarts are made at home; and ready-to-wear garments are given a distinctive touch at the hands of the home dressmaker. There certainly is comfort in buying garments whose effects do not have to be imagined, but they need a deft hand in the touching up to give them the distinctive air so much desired.

BETTY BRADEN.

LAW CLASS NOMINATES.

Students of '08 of National University Put Ticket in Field.

The class of '08 of the National Law School held a lively meeting at 7:30 o'clock last evening in the school building on Thirtieth street, near New York avenue. Action on the adoption of a constitution provoked considerable discussion, but it was finally adopted, with amendments. Mr. Wolfe, presiding officer, announced the election of officers and asked for nominations for president. Several names were immediately put forward and seconded, the most prominent of them being Everett Hawkins, Mayor Garrett, of Glen Echo, and Mr. Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe's and several other names were withdrawn until the contest was practically between Mayor Garrett and Mr. Wolfe. Nominations when the meeting adjourned were as follows: President, Messrs. Hawkins and Garrett; vice president, Messrs. West, Orton, and Higgins; secretary, Messrs. Higgins and Peckham; recording secretary, Mr. Gibbs; sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Wolfe; board of directors, Messrs. Clabaugh, Wolfe, Garrett, Gardner, Freeman, Thomas, Merriam, and Orton.

Annual G. A. R. Visitation.

The annual visitation of Commander R. P. Enright, of the Department of the Potomac, and his staff will take place tonight. They visit Potomac Post, No. 11, G. A. R., at the Grand Army Hall. The staff will witness the annual inspection of the post by Assistant Inspector C. M. Robinson, after which they will be entertained. The post is making arrangements for a large visitation of comrades.

Continues Art Lectures.

Prof. Raymond is continuing his lectures on art this year in room 14 of the George Washington University, at 4:30 o'clock every Wednesday afternoon. Friends of the university may secure cards upon application to Dean Wilbur.

NALLEY FUNERAL TODAY.

Members of Potomac Post, G. A. R., Will Escort Remains to Cemetery.

The funeral services of the late Dennis Nalley, who died October 3, 1906, will take place this afternoon at his late residence, 316 Fifth street northeast, at 3 p. m. The members of the Potomac Post, G. A. R., No. 11, will escort the remains to the Congressional Cemetery, where interment will be made. Rev. Dr. Butler, of Keller Memorial Church, will perform the services.

Mr. Nalley was born in Prince George County, Maryland, in 1831. He has been a long resident of the District, having come here when a boy of 14, and in 1851 he received an appointment to a position in the Capitol, where he served faithfully until his death. He was also a member of the well-known company of the District of Columbia Volunteers which served in the civil war.

Baptist Association Meeting.

The thirty-fourth annual session of the First Washington Baptist Association convened yesterday at the Third Baptist Church, Fifth and Q streets northwest, the Rev. James H. Lee, D. D., moderator, in the chair. Addresses were made by the Revs. J. Matthews, D. F. Rivers, Jessie A. Taylor, Dr. W. J. Howard, the Rev. William D. Jarvis, S. C. Lumsden, I. R. Loving, A. Eayler, the Rev. Mr. Pryor, Mr. Leyton, the Revs. W. E. Porter, J. C. Dent, S. J. R. Nelson, M. W. D. Norman, and J. T. Clark.

Mrs. Ewing's Funeral To-day.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock over the remains of Mrs. Florence Greaves Ewing, wife of Harry O. Ewing, who died at her parents' home on Volta place northwest on Tuesday. The services will be held at the Calvary M. E. Church, and will be conducted by Rev. J. H. Ballenger, pastor of the church. Mrs. Ewing was twenty years of age, and had been married only about six months.

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